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Destiny of the Farmers' Movement in Alberta Rests in Your Hands

Spirit of Organization Sound, But United Effort in Every Local Imperative—Home Bank Failure Severest Blow to the Association

BY THE PRESIDENT

There has been a considerable increase in Local activity during the latter part of November, and in various districts drives for the payment of membership dues are being carried on with vigor. In the article on this page President Wood reviews the position of the organization. He suggests that in addition to Local meetings, district meetings of all kinds should be held during the next few weeks. He points out that the situation created by the suspension of activities during the long harvest and threshing season could have been dealt with but for the serious effect on the organization of the failure of the Home Bank.

Much has been said recently in regard to the condition of the U. F. A. Whatever else may be said, there is no question but that those conditions are not as we would all like to see them. Without making any excuses or undertaking any detailed analysis of the causes of the present situation, I might say briefly that there was no doubt a normal reaction following the intensive activities of 1921. This was followed and intensified by the unprecedented agricultural depression of the past three years.

PRACTICALLY NO DUES DURING HARVEST AND THRESHING

In spite of these influences the organization was moving along fairly well this year until the beginning of the harvest of the present crop. The crop was the heaviest in the history of Alberta. Labor was scarce and high, and farmers were unable to hire more help than was absolutely necessary. Their whole attention and energy were centred on the harvest and threshing of the crop. The activities of Locals were entirely suspended for three months. Practically no dues came in during that time; they are now just beginning to come in again. Even this situation could have been fairly well dealt with had it not been preceded by the Home Bank disaster in which all the funds of the U. F. A., some $4,500, were involved.

We all recognize the poverty of the membership of the organization and the misfortunes of the organization, but I do not believe there is anything radically wrong with the spirit of the organization. I believe that the membership in general realize as fully as ever before, the hopeless condition the farmers would be in should they revert to the basis of individualism, and I do not believe there is any intention of turning back. However, it will be disastrous to stand still, and the time has come when we will have to decide between the disaster of standing still and the necessity of going ahead.

EVERY LOCAL SHOULD HOLD REVIVAL MEETING

Harvest and threshing are over, and while the grain is low in price and quite a quantity of it is low in grade, it has been saved, and the farmers once more have a breathing spell and they cannot afford to neglect giving the organization some serious consideration and attention. Every Local in the Province should have a revival meeting and make a special effort at collecting dues. In this effort, first of all, forget that unwarranted idea that if a member pays dues now, he will cease to be a member at any given period. Your Local will be entitled to representation at the Convention on the basis of all dues paid into Central Office by the Local. Your representation to the next Convention will be on the same basis. Each Local should put on the best drive it can during the next four or five weeks. Select all the delegates you are entitled to, to attend the next Convention, and be sure to select representatives who can deal intelligently with the questions that may arise. There never was a time when cool-headed sanity was more important than at the present.

RESPONSIBILITY OF PRIMARY ORGANIZATION INCREASED

During the last few years our organization has branched out into various fields of activity, and will probably continue to do so. As this process continues, the responsibilities of the primary organization increase, and vulnerable points of attack from the enemy also increase. To meet these attacks we will need the highest possible mobilization of our forces, guided by the best intelligence we possess. It can be done if we are willing to put forth the effort.

In addition to the revival meetings of the Locals there should be as many of all kinds of district meetings as possible. Meetings at central points of representatives of several different Locals should be called and an outside speaker secured if possible. There are quite a few outside speakers

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EDITORIAL

THE PRESS, THE ALBERTA GOVERNMENT AND THE U. F. A.

Since the formation of the Province of Alberta in 1905, there has not been witnessed so concerted or so skillfully conducted a campaign against any Government, as the campaign now being carried on in the daily press of Alberta against the U. F. A. Government at Edmonton.

Every previous Government has been a party Government, supported by its own party press. If the press of one side has been unfair in its attacks upon its opponents, this has always been counterbalanced in some degree by the circumstance that the other party also had a portion of the daily press at its disposal.

Open, frank discussion of the policy of the Government, and honest, well-considered criticism by the farmers and other citizens, based on authentic information, can be productive of nothing but good. But the campaign which is now being carried on in the daily press is not fair, and much of the criticism is deliberately and maliciously unfair. It is worthy of note that the attack has been timed to coincide with the attempt now being made to re-organize the old political party forces whom the people of Alberta routed in 1921. A careful study of the newspapers from all parts of the Province would reveal the fact that, while the undoubted achievements of the Government, labouring under unprecedented difficulties, and under a load of debt inherited from their predecessors, are ignored, a policy of persistent, nagging criticism, almost entirely destructive in intent, is today being carried on.

The Alberta Government is not a perfect institution. Free discussion of its policies is justifiable, and should be encouraged. But when all is said and done, no impartial observer who has attempted to obtain the facts, can doubt that in honesty of purpose, in the efforts which it has made to secure administrative efficiency, and in devotion to the public interest, it stands head and shoulders above any of its predecessors. The members of the Alberta Government are not sufficiently in touch with the people. They have carried on the public business too much in the manner in which private business is conducted. They have not taken the people into their confidence as fully as they might and should have done. They have been unduly influenced by the nagging of their newspaper critics, and no Government can afford to be unduly sensitive in this respect, things being what they are, though the exposure and vigorous condemnation of unfair attacks is a duty and a necessity. These errors, among others, can and should be corrected. We regret that since "The U. F. A." was established nearly two years ago, the Premier of the U. F. A. Government has been unable to find time to make even a single brief statement to the farmers of the Province, through the Association paper, setting forth the policy of his Government upon any matter that has been before the public.

These matters being given due weight, the fact remains that it should be the concern of every farmer in the Province, and more especially of those of our members whose views upon economic and political questions are most advanced, that the present party attack should fail. If the present Government has not developed its policies as rapidly as some would desire (and it has not erred on the side of rashness), it must be remembered that a breach in the ranks of the U. F. A., if it should lead to the victory of either one of the old parties, would mean a return to stark reaction, and a postponement of the hope of progress, perhaps for a generation. Those of our members who have been driving a salient into the lines of the entrenched economic forces opposing us, would bring, not victory, but disaster, if they should leave their flanks unduly exposed, or if they should permit our line to remain seriously undermanned. The strength of the farmers' forces, after all, is in the membership of the U.F.A. If this be maintained, and it can be maintained and increased if a united effort be made in the Local and District membership drives of the present winter, we may face the future with confidence.

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Mr. Higginbotham's resignation, to take an important position on the agency staff of the Imperial Life Assurance Company, will be a matter of regret to members in all parts of the Province, who are familiar with the nature of the service which he has rendered during the period of nearly six years in which he has been Provincial Secretary of the United Farmers of Alberta. With organizing ability and great energy and enterprise, he has combined a single-minded devotion to the interests of the Association, and to the democratic principles for which it stands, in the life of Alberta and of Canada.

Mr. Higginbotham was appointed Secretary of the U.F.A. in March, 1918. During the years of rapid expansion in the farmers' movement, much responsibility devolved upon the Provincial Secretary. As many of the elected representatives in both the Federal House and the Provincial Assembly can witness, the notable successes of 1921 owed not a little to the thoroughness of the service which he had rendered in the years immediately precedent, and also during the campaign. His devotion to co-operative principles is sincere and ardent, and this and his belief in democratic organization as an instrument of progress, have been incentives to more than normal effort in the position which he has occupied.

Since the publication of "The U. F. A." began, almost two years ago, Mr. Higginbotham has combined with his other duties the business management of this paper, under the newspaper committee appointed by the Directors. A surplus of almost $1,000 was made during the first year, an exceptionally good showing at a time when many agricultural papers are being run at a loss. It will be remembered that the reports in the daily press, by quoting the amount of the subscription fee paid to the paper as a "deficit", created the opinion in the public mind that "The U. F. A." had incurred a loss. The paper has continued to make a satisfactory showing, and providing the circulation can be maintained, the outlook from a business point of view is better today than at any time since "The U. F. A." was established.

Former and present officers of the Association, and the membership generally, will wish Mr. Higginbotham all success in the new field of business activity into which he is entering.

Organize to Deal With Local Pool Problems; See That Contract Is Adhered to

Chairman of Alberta Wheat Pool Emphasizes Two Matters of Vital Importance for the Efficient Operation of the Alberta Wheat Pool

The article below was written for "The U. F. A." by President Wood, who dwells upon the necessity for systematic co-operation between organized Pool locals, the Board and the Central Management:

At the first meeting of the newly elected Wheat Pool Board, which was held November the 21st, two questions were discussed at length, both of which are considered to be of vital importance. The first question is that of the necessity of the Wheat Pool members organizing at local points to look after their local interests, with special reference to getting all of the Pool wheat shipped out as efficiently and as rapidly as possible. This need not be an elaborate organization, nor will it require any outside assistance.

Local Discussion of Pool Problems

The simplest and easiest method of procedure is for the Wheat Pool members at any shipping point to get in touch with each other and arrange a meeting at which they will discuss all local Pool problems. Canvass thoroughly the shipping situation. If part or all of the elevators at your point are handling Pool wheat, get in touch with them and have a clear understanding of the shipping arrangements so that you can co-operate with the elevators in handling the wheat in the most expeditious manner. If any or all of the elevators at your point are not handling Pool wheat, so that you have inadequate elevator facilities, or none at all, then it is of the utmost importance that the Pool members at that point co-operate in every way possible to get their wheat loaded and shipped to the Pool. Do not forget that the elevators will have difficulties no matter how sympathetic they may be to the Pool. The grain crop is a record one, and many elevators will be actually plugged. Patience as well as efficiency will be necessary. It will not be possible to move all the present grain out of Alberta before spring. Be sure you are doing the best you can but do not ask impossibilities.

The problems will be different at different points. Each point will have to meet its own problems whatever they may be. What will meet the situation at one point will not meet it at another. No hard and fast rules can be laid down except the general rule of systematic co-operation to get results. As soon as you are organized, send name of spokesman, either chairman or secretary, to Manager of Alberta Co-operative Wheat Producers, Limited, Lougheed Building, Calgary.

Local Unit Should Deal With Central

Central Office cannot deal directly and efficiently with local difficulties. Neither can it deal efficiently with the 26,000 individual members. There are approximately 600 shipping points in Alberta. A live local organization at each of these points, dealing directly with local problems, assisted by Central Office, can overcome difficulties at each point. The local organization, and not the individual, should be the unit that deals with Central Office in regard to local difficulties.

Organize at once. Overcome all the difficulties you can. When necessary to call on Central for assistance, be certain of your facts. Investigate rumors and find out facts for yourselves, then if necessary, communicate the facts to Central Office.

In cases of violation of the Canada Grain Act make sworn statement of actual facts and send direct to Chairman of Grain Commission, Exchange Building, Winnipeg.

Systematic co-operation between the organized locals, the Board of Trustees and the Central management, will make the Pool a success. Without this co-operation, success is doubtful. With this kind of organized co-operation we will get this year's Pool wheat shipped, and we will have the machinery ready to put on a drive and secure the additional signatures of thousands of Alberta wheat growers for next year's crop.

Adherence to the Contract

The next question the Board of Trustees considered of vital importance, was the strict adherence on the part of the members to the terms of the contract. Efficient dealing with the first question will practically solve the second. Confusion arising out of difficulties in shipping Pool wheat, and wrong and misleading advice by unfriendly elevator operators, are perhaps the greatest causes of temptation of members to violate their contract obligation. Members should not only stand together in getting their wheat shipped and in overcoming all local difficulties, and thereby removing the temptation of members to violate the terms of the contract, but they should stand together to see that the terms of the contract are not violated by any member.

It is not the wish of the Board to have to enforce on any member the penalty for violation of the contract. This penalty is a severe one, and few farmers are in a financial condition to meet it, but the member who takes a chance has himself alone to blame.

It is true he may get all sorts of cunning and false advice from spurious friends who care less for his interests than they do for the overthrow of the Pool, but remember that it is you, and not your false advisers that will have to pay the penalty.

A Duty to All Members

The Board has a duty to perform to all the members of the Pool, and that duty is to see that the terms of the contract are lived up to, or penalty for violation enforced. The Board would like to penalize the false advisers, but unfortunately it can only penalize the violating member. The Board will do its duty, but it hopes that duty will be made easy by each member of the Pool doing his duty.

Systematic co-operation all along the line will develop harmony, efficiency, growth and strength. It will eliminate confusion, discord, violation of obligations, and prevent failure.

Must Make 1923 Membership Greater Than That of 1922

R. N. Mangles, Director for Medicine Hat, Urges Every President and Secretary to Canvass District and Place Facts Before the Farmers

Under date of November 29th, the following circular letter has been issued to all U.F.A. Locals in the Medicine Hat Directorate:

To Secretaries U. F. A. Locals,
Medicine Hat Constituency.

I want to offer a few facts for your earnest consideration. The membership of our organization is some 6,000 less at the present time than it was at the same time last year. The membership last year was some 45 per cent. less than the previous year, 1921. There are not sufficient funds in the treasury wherewith to pay current expenses. We are behind in our Central Office salaries and in our rent. Mr. Higginbotham, our Secretary, has accepted work elsewhere and is leaving at an early date. We stand to lose around $2,700 as a result of the Home Bank smash.

What are we going to do about it? Read the above facts again and you will have some conception of the seriousness of the situation we have to face. I have looked over the Balance Sheet and Expense Sheet and tried to size up the position we are in. There is no question in my mind that we have arrived at the most critical stage of our existence as an organization, and yet if the farmers will only show the right spirit the problem is solved. We MUST make the membership of 1923 equal to or greater than that of 1922.

Will every President and Secretary in Medicine Hat Constituency set aside one day or two days between now and December 15th in order to canvass their districts. Place the facts before our farmers, emphasize the point that it is distinctly up to them whether we have an organization or not, and let our slogan be one thousand more members for Medicine Hat by the end of 1923.

Will you do this; will you do it now? I know it means a sacrifice of time but our organization is not worth while unless we are willing to make some sacrifice for it. Send all dues to Central as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,
R. N. MANGLES,
Director, Medicine Hat Constituency.

"Ha! Ha! I Told You So!"

By WILLIAM IRVINE, M.P.

Did you ever belong to the U. F. A.? If so, you are partly responsible for the birth of the movement and its mistakes, partly to be congratulated on what it has done, and partly obligated to sustain it now and in the future. In short you have caused the movement to be, and your fights have been its fights. You cannot slink off now in a crisis and leave a few courageous souls to finish the fight that you started.

Of course you say at once that you are not slinking off. Well, I am glad to hear that, but certainly some are slinking off or have become indifferent, or, for other reasons, are not supporting their organization. Some morning a roll call may reveal who the loyal soldiers are. For the present we must face the fact that in 1921 there was a membership of 37,721, while at the end of 1922 this creditable roll had dropped to 19,918; that a year ago we had 16,074 members and that our present paid-up membership is 11,185.

Enemies Derisive

Most good things are done in a positive way, although sometimes good does come in a negative way. In this article I want to make it clear that your enemies will deride you if you allow the U. F. A. to go down. "Ha! Ha! I told you so" is already on the lips of your enemies everywhere, so that it might be worth while to "buck up" a little just to fool those who would so rejoice in your overthrow.

A little boy, the son of a drunkard, once overheard two neighbors discussing himself.

"Mark my words," said one, "that young nipper, Jack, is going to follow his father's footsteps. A few more years and the neighbors will be carrying him home nights too as well as the old man. I tell you he has got it in him."

The other confirmed this prophecy with knowing shakes of the head. Young Jack's first impulse was to "bean" his neighbors with a rock, but thinking better of it he clenched his little fists and said to himself, "I'll just show you, you old gossips, that you are wrong." That boy became a great national figure. He had pride and self-respect.

Should Lead All Industries

I wonder if there is enough Farmer Consciousness to breed a healthy pride in the industry and a wholesome self-respect that will make every farmer clench his fists and turn with determination to the future. Think of the pride that the manufacturers take in their association, that the bankers take in theirs. Shall not the members of the greatest of all organizations in Canada rise to that dignity which is befitting? The farmers are the greatest in numbers, greatest in industrial importance, and should be the greatest in influence, in moral and intellectual leadership. You can become so through your organization. If you don't, you have failed, first in your duty to yourself, and second in your duty to Canada.

Have you heard the mocking Ha! Ha! of those who seek your overthrow? I recall the night of the last Ontario Provincial election. I was in Ottawa and stood in the midst of an immense crowd watching the returns as they were flashed on a screen from the office of the "Citizen". Every U. F. O. defeat reported was a stab of a knife to me. I knew what it meant. It meant that the movement had been wounded in the home of its friends, that the farmers had betrayed themselves. I wish that every farmer could have stood with me that night and heard what I heard and seen what I saw. There were politicians there of both old parties rubbing their hands with glee at every report of a U. F. O. defeat. There were overfed plutocrats and manufacturers, lawyers, etc., in high delight. A small group of four stood at my shoulder. I overheard them discussing the farmers' movement.

One of them had evidently eaten himself almost to death. He was so fat that he looked like a jelly turned out on two tooth-picks, with a turnip on top of the jelly.

"Too Suspicious of One Another"

"Ha! Ha! Ha!" he went off in an earthquake of laughter, his jelly formation shaking all the way from the turnip on the top to the tooth-picks at the bottom. "Ha! Ha! Hee! Hee! Didn't I tell you so! Why, man, I knew all the time that the whole U. F. O. was a bluff. Those D----- farmers don't know enough to come in out of the rain. They are too suspicious of one another," etc., etc.

One of "Jellyfish's" companions, who was taller and younger and who did not look quite so fat, replied:

"Yes, Mr.-----, you are right, but I sure thought they had come to stay this trip. Things looked pretty rocky, but thank heaven, they are fighting among themselves now."

"Farmers Can't Stick"

"Rest easy, boys," said a third thickly through an ancient vintage, as he cocked his hat over one eye and poised a fat cigar on an acute angle from his chin, "rest easy. Farmers ca-a-n't stick, mark my word."

Another report came in—"U. F. O. candidate, Mr.-----, snowed under in the riding of -----."

"Hurrah!" rose mockingly and hysterically from a thousand farmer movement enemies who gloated over what they thought was the end of the farmers' movement.

Yes, if U. F. A. members who have not yet paid their dues for this year had stood with me that night they would set their jaws in a new determination. Actually, farmers, your enemies are giving you the Ha! Ha! and bragging how truly they prophesied your downfall. I am sure, of course, that you are going to laugh last and therefore longest.

The Only Fitting Reply

You have started something. It is up to you to carry it through. Every farmer who was a member last year should send his annual fee to his Local and get a new member to join. The largest membership that the U. F. A. has ever had should be the immediate aim. That is the only fitting reply to the false prophets and scoffers.

Are you going to do it?

Will More Than Treble Membership in Irricana Local

Drive Contest Organized a Week Ago Will Increase Enrolment From 15 to 40 or 50—"Turkey Supper" Will Be Provided by Losing Team

SEND IN REPORTS

In Locals and District Associations, various plans have been adopted for the carrying on of the membership drives now being inaugurated. The Irricana Local has met with remarkable success in a membership contest described below, which has brought in many farmers and farm women who have not previously been associated with the U.F.A. Local and District Association Secretaries are invited to send to the Editor of "The U.F.A." particulars of the drives being conducted in their respective districts.

"Who will provide the turkey supper?" is the all absorbing question in the Irricana district, where two rival teams, under the captaincy of G. L. Carpender and A. C. Scratch, are conducting a membership drive, visiting every farmer in the district, and asking every farmer and the members of his family to enrol in the membership of the U.F.A. if they are not already enrolled, or to pay their dues to the Association if they are members in arrears. The losing team will entertain the winners at a turkey supper in the course of a couple of weeks.

Organized on Nov. 24th, when the paid-up membership of the Irricana Local was 11 men and four members of the U.F.W.A., the drive promises to bring the membership up to between 40 and 50 persons. The contest has been taken up with the utmost enthusiasm, and little difficulty has been experienced in swelling the membership roll.

Never Joined U. F. A. Before

"If conditions are the same in other districts as they are in ours," said Mr. Scratch, in discussing the progress of the drive with "The U.F.A.," "all that our people have to do is to go out and pick up the memberships. We have not met a single person who objected to joining the U.F.A. It is just a matter of getting after the people. For three months everybody has been hard at work, harvesting and threshing, but now attention is being turned to other matters, and we have found the people just as interested as ever. Not only have the old members responded to the call, but we have obtained a good many farmers who never joined the U.F.A. before. I believe that we have a great opportunity during the winter months to build up our organization, and greatly to increase its usefulness."

"It is characteristic of big men that past achievements do not hold their interest; they are concerned only with their efforts to accomplish still more in the future."—From Henry Ford's Own Story.

News of the Organization

Activities of Locals and District Associations and Information From Central Office—Notes on Co-operation

DIDSBURY CONVENTION

On November 15th, the annual convention of the Didsbury U. F. A. and U. F. W. A. Constituency Association was held in Didsbury, Norman Clark presiding in the absence of the president, A. J. Bell.

An address by the M.L.A. for the constituency, A. B. Claypool, dealt with the Wheat Pool, the question of roads, the Election Act and the new Liquor Act. In response to the speaker's request for suggestions, the convention went on record as favoring a maximum of restriction in the sale of liquor, and the strictest enforcement of the Act.

Other resolutions passed by the convention asked that only Canadian citizens should be allowed to vote for municipal councillors and school trustees, and that market roads should have first place in road-making programs.

Officers for the coming year are: President, Norman Clark, Didsbury; vice-president, L. B. Hart, Carbon; directors, Mrs. Anne E. Wright, Carbon; F. G. Brown, Acme; Chas. Bruels, Carbon; Mrs. T. M. Tiffen, Swalwell; J. S. Earle, Acme; Mrs. H. W. Wood, Carstairs; G. T. Jones, Rosiney; Mrs. Geo. Haag, Carstairs; James McDougal, Didsbury.

The thanks of the convention were accorded to the farm women of Didsbury district who served lunches to the delegates and visitors.

The next convention will be held in Carstairs in July, 1924.

CRAIGMYLE DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

That resolutions for the Annual Convention should be circulated to the Locals every three months is the suggestion made in a resolution of the Craigmyle District U. F. A. Association at its recent convention. The preamble of the resolution declares that "the present system of sending out the resolutions just before the Annual Convention does not give sufficient time for intelligent discussion by the Locals."

Other resolutions from the Craigmyle convention express unalterable opposition to the inclusion of the personal covenant in any amendments to mortgage legislation now in force in the Province, and ask for the fullest possible measure of Proportional Representation when the Provincial Election Act is revised again.

EXECUTIVE MEETING OF CO-OP. LEAGUE

The executive committee of the Alberta Co-operative League met in Wetaskiwin recently to draft the constitution of the League. According to information received from T. Swindlehurst, secretary, Edgerton, the committee drew up the following outline of the work they hope to do:

To render assistance to new associations in the course of organization; to develop the movement throughout the Province by taking steps to organize in districts where no co-operative association exists; to spread co-operative propaganda for the purpose of fostering true co-operative principles throughout our associations; to promote legislation in the interests of the common needs of co-operative associations; and in every way to further the objects of the associations by working in conjunction with kindred organizations whenever deemed advisable and necessary.

Conventions Dates—Jan. 15 to 18

The executive request that all secretaries of consumers' co-operative associations now in operation or in process of organization will communicate with the secretary of the League, T. Swindlehurst, Edgerton.

The next annual meeting will be held at Red Deer in June, 1924.

ASK BANKING AND CREDIT INQUIRY

Resolutions asking that the credit inquiry be continued at the next session of Parliament; that the mineral rights tax be amended to exclude from its operation all individual owners of both surface and mineral rights who are using the land solely for farming or grazing purposes, unless it has been proved by test that the land contains minerals; and that the Provincial Government be asked to enact such legislation as will limit the rate charged by the Hail Insurance Board to 10 per cent. in any one year, were carried at the annual convention of the Cochrane U. F. A. and U. F. W. A. Constituency Association, held at Beaver Dam on November 24th.

H. E. G. H. Schofield, of Crossfield, was elected president for the coming year; E. K. Reid, of Cremona, was elected vice-president; and the following directors were elected: Mrs. A. Borton, Dog Pound; L. V. Nichol, Jumping Pound, and P. L. Carpender, Airdrie.

The resolution on banking and credit asked that in view of the fact that the Home Bank disaster had shown that depositors are liable to lose all their deposits in the event of a bank failure, the credit inquiry be continued with a view to eliminating this danger.

TO CO-ORDINATE ACTIVITIES OF MARKETING ASSOCIATIONS

During the week of the U.F.A. Convention it is proposed that a meeting of delegates from all of the co-operative marketing associations of the Province shall be held for the purpose of co-ordinating their efforts, and drawing up plans for the future.

This proposal was made at a meeting of the directors of the Deltarus to Grainger Co-operative Marketing Association at Three Hills, when it was suggested that a call should be issued to all similar associations throughout the Province to appoint delegates, to meet in Edmonton in January during Convention week.

DEFICIT FUND TOTALS $2,188.05

Since the last list of contributions to the 1923 Deficit Fund was published, a number of new contributions to the fund have been received from various Locals. The following are acknowledged:

Previously acknowledged	$2,164.35
Rolling Green U.F.W.A. 566	7.00
Red Rock U.F.A. 853	6.00
Foremost U.F.W.A. 905	10.00
Travers U.F.W.A. 57	5.00
Seafield U.F.W.A. 800	4.50
Broughton U. F. A. 759	21.30
	$2,188.05

SAVING ON FREIGHT

On November 15th, the Edgerton Co-operative Association and the Wainwright U. F. A. combined to ship out a carload of poultry to the Egg and Poultry Marketing Service at Edmonton. By shipping in this manner, a saving to the people of the district of 1½ cents per pound on the freight was effected, thereby putting over $100 extra directly into the pockets of the producers.

Executive Receives Resignation

Expresses Regret in Loss of Services of Provincial Secretary—Convention in Edmonton January 15th to 18th

A meeting of the Central Executive, held in the Central Office, Calgary, on November 14th and 15th, was called largely in consequence of the Secretary's resignation and of the fact that most of the members of the Executive were in the city as delegates to the Wheat Pool meeting held on November 13th. In addition to all the members of the Executive and the Secretary, there were present the following directors: Messrs. Jensen, Lunn, Mangles and Brown.

Letter of Resignation

Mr. Higginbotham presented his resignation as Secretary of the U.F.A. in the following letter:

"To the Executive, United Farmers of Alberta:

"As I have already advised members of the Executive personally, I have decided to accept other work which has been offered to me and consequently desire to tender my resignation as Secretary of the United Farmers of Alberta.

"I need hardly say that many of the associations which I have been permitted to enjoy during the past five and a half years have afforded me a great deal of happiness and satisfaction. The step that I am taking, however, is necessitated by economic reasons, which I am sure the Executive will appreciate.

"I can start in my new work as soon as I can be released, and as I would like to get well started in it before the close of the year, I would appreciate being released as soon as satisfactory arrangements can be made to carry on the work which I have been doing in the Central Office.

"Yours very truly,

"H. HIGGINBOTHAM."

In accepting the resignation of the Secretary, the following resolution was passed:

"This board regrets the fact that the organization must lose the services of Secretary Higginbotham, who has so long and so faithfully served the cause. We sincerely hope that Mr. Higginbotham will meet with the unbounded success which the fidelity and enthusiasm which he gives to his work would warrant."

Annual Convention Dates

Subject to the approval of the Central Board, the Executive set the dates for

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Must Your Members at Ottawa Fight Your Battle Without Support?

Membership Roll of U. F. A. Counts for Something in Parliamentary Contest, Declares William Irvine—"Will You Help Us to Finish the Battle Which You Started?"

"You owe it to us to stand firm as true men and back us in the fight into which you have thrown us. You cannot afford to allow your membership to dwindle. How are we to stand alone if you run away? Look at the position in which you put your representatives in Parliament. When we went to Ottawa we spoke the thoughts of about 40,000 organized farmers—then our voices counted for something. Next year we only spoke for about 20,000 farmers—our voice had weakened. How many shall we speak for in 1924?

"But I know that you will not run away. I believe that you are honest in purpose and true of heart, and that you will prove this to your representatives by filling up the ranks. The membership roll of the U.F.A. counts for something at Ottawa. It counts a lot with those who have power, but it counts for more in giving confidence and courage to your representatives."

This call to the membership of the organization to rally their forces was made by William Irvine, M. P. for East Calgary in the course of an address to a well attended meeting of the Ardenode U.F.A. and U. F. W. A. Locals on November 24th. The meeting was held following a very successful sale of work arranged by the ladies. President Gothard was in the chair, and urged all members to concentrate their efforts upon the task of bringing the enrollment up to strength.

Past Session at Ottawa.

Mr. Irving reviewed the work of the past session, dealing particularly with the Bank Act and the credit investigation. The speaker explained the nature and basis of credit, its proper use in the modern world; its control by a few financiers; and its relation to industrial depression. He contended that lack of purchasing power through the banks' manipulation of public credit accounted for the virtually bankrupt condition of agriculture in Canada, as well as for the universal business depression and unemployment. Mr. Irvine illustrated his address by means of a blackboard and charts, which made an otherwise technical subject plain and interesting, and he advocated as a remedy for present conditions, the proper use and control of the national credit.

"In view of the seriousness of the situation which I have outlined," he said, "the impossible condition of the agricultural industry, and the fast approaching world financial crisis, there never was a time when there was greater need for a strong and well disciplined organization of farmers, or when the solidarity of those engaged in agriculture was more imperative than at this moment, and yet, if one is justified in judging the fitness of a movement from its membership roll and its enthusiasm, it is some years since the U.F.A. was less fitted for the task which swiftly moving events are thrusting upon it.

The Press Campaign

"The press of the Province would seem to be determined to destroy the movement which by its strength deprived the party politicians of their long enjoyed power, two years ago. The influence of the antagonistic press must be guarded against. It is subtle, persistent, and if not understood might be harmful. It tried first to kill the U.F.A. by ridicule and scorn. When the U.F.A. elected enough members to the local Parliament to form a Government, the press began to misrepresent every movement and utterance of farmer members, to enlarge and display every weakness or mistake, and to treat every achievement of the administration with 'thunders of silence.'

Press "Cousism."

"Next the press, by clever and subtle 'Cousism,' tried to sow discord between the Labor and Farmer members of the cabinet, and failing in this, its last desperate effort is to drive a wedge between the movement itself and the Government it elected and for which it is responsible.

"I feel sure that when the farmers of Alberta fully realize the political game that is being played so openly, they will rally to save their own dignity and honor.

"The Farmers' Government is unique in having carried on its work without one single daily paper in its favor. All its good deeds have been under the ban of political obscurantism, and every opportunity to criticise, misrepresent and vilify has been utilized to the full. It is safe to say that no other Government could have survived for two years under a similar condition. Fortunately for the Government there is a strong organization behind it that understands the meaning of the machinations of the press."

"Are Your Principles Worth While?"

Referring to the contests which have been carried on by the Alberta members in the Federal field, Mr. Irvine said that the members had "proclaimed and advocated the principles which you formulated," and asked, "Are those principles worth while today? Then stand by them. You cannot say that your representatives in Parliament have forsaken you this time, but, strange transition, your representatives will have to charge you with leaving them to finish the battle which you started and promised to aid in fighting to a finish.

"The chief reason for the decline in membership in the past has been that you have been unable, after meeting your expenses, to pay the very small sum required to retain yourselves in good standing in your organization. Is not this a striking commentary on the present position of agriculture, and upon the absolute need for a strong organization to fight your cause? The crop this year has been bountiful, throughout the greater part of the Province. Prices are low, and the amount which the farmers will actually receive for themselves will be small. But if agriculture is to survive, it is absolutely necessary that the small sum required to maintain your organization shall be provided."

A number of members approached the secretary and rejoined at the close of the meeting.

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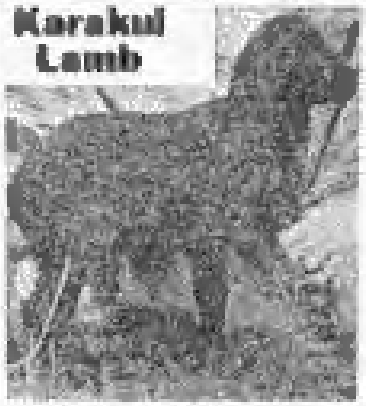

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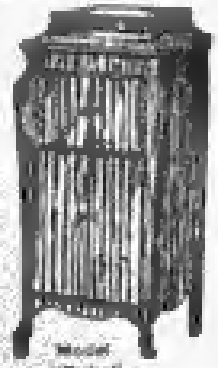

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High Time for the Men to Act

Women Have Undertaken Many New Responsibilities in Order to Keep the Homes Together—Men Should Now Get Behind the Organization and Meet Forces Arrayed Against Them—Thoughts on the U.F.W.A. Annual Convention

By Mrs. M. L. SEARS, President U. F. W. A.

To All U. F. W. A. Locals:

During the past few years the women of the farms have taken upon themselves many new activities, because through the force of necessity (not through their own fault but through adverse circumstances) the men's end of farming has failed. The women have been exerting themselves as they have never done before, in order that the farms may produce enough to keep the homes together. It is now high time that the men themselves should see that the organization is placed in such a position that it can meet successfully all the forces that are arrayed against it.

Hostile Forces Coming Into the Open

These forces are now coming out into the open and are boasting that the farmers' organization is approaching its end. There is no adequate means to combat the propaganda that is used against the farmers' movement, except absolute determination on the part of the farmers themselves to face these attacks with unwavering faith in their own organization.

Passive compliance with rules and regulations is not enough. We must have positive active interest in the affairs of our organization, for we have come to a critical time. Our membership has fallen off. Political forces are increasing their opposition and efforts to destroy us. Must we lose the benefits of the long years of slow building for co-operative effort through the indifference of our own members? Our loyalty and enthusiasm to our Local groups must be increased, for they are the foundation and cornerstone of the whole structure and upon them, not the leaders, the building stands or falls.

Prepare for the Annual Convention

And now, let us turn for a moment to consider the matters which will come before the Women's Convention in January. It is highly desirable that you may all contribute something to the usefulness of our Convention program, whether you yourself can be present or not. If you are to do this, if your delegates are to be fully informed as to your views, you should begin at once to discuss the subjects which you think should come before the Convention. Resolutions on a number of the most important matters to be dealt with have been sent to your Locals.

In order that you may all have a part in the Convention program, whether present or not, and that you may send delegates informed as to your views, these subjects for discussion are presented. Resolutions pertaining to the most important ones will be sent to your Locals as soon as possible after they are received.

The subject that is of the most direct interest to women is co-operative marketing of eggs and poultry. Each woman would benefit financially through the successful operation of such a pool, and through it the foundation of her education in co-operation may be laid. Though its beginnings now may not always be successful, this is the method of selling our produce that will be used in the future. In this connection I should like to quote the opinion of a stranger from British Columbia who expressed his scepticism to the writer as to the successful working of the Wheat Pool. He said, "You are not down far enough. You are not hard enough up to make good co-operators,"—so where the co-operative method fails blame the co-operators and not the method.

If you have friends who are members of pools elsewhere have them write you their experiences. Mr. Reid is prepared to discuss this subject at the Convention with you, as he investigated the co-operative organizations of British Columbia and California when he went to interview Mr. Sapiro. Plans may be drawn up to put into operation a pool in Alberta.

Mental Defectives

A resolution regarding sterilization was passed two years ago by the Convention. It was recommended that this subject be discussed at your Local meetings. The menace of the mental defectives is a grave one. There are now approximately 1,000 of them in Alberta. About 200 of the worst cases are confined now, but the morons, grown in body with the mind of a child of twelve or under, are in the majority and free to multiply their kind. The Government spent $35,000 in buildings that would only hold about 240. It would cost a very large amount to maintain it each year. By the time money and accommodations to confine them all can be afforded it is estimated the 1,000 will have increased to 10,000. The Government are dealing with this question at the legislative session this winter and want the people behind them.

MRS. M. L. SEARS

Young People's Work

Mrs. Fraser, the convener of Young People's Work, wants a "real discussion" on Junior work and suggests that the resolutions passed at the Junior conference be discussed at our Convention; also the two resolutions passed by the

Acadia convention. One of these deals with Rural Credits; the other asks that notice be given the original owner of land in case of a tax sale.

Small fruit raising has been successfully tried in some localities. Apart from the health value of the products, this can be made a profitable occupation. There is no chance of over-production for a long time. Have any of you had success in this line? If so, tell us about it at the Convention.

These common interests and activities bind the members of the Locals together and in turn bind Local to Local, and build up the strength and influence of our organization.

DESTINY OF THE FARMERS' MOVEMENT IN ALBERTA RESTS IN YOUR HANDS

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of ability that can be secured for such meetings.

DESTINY IN HANDS OF MEMBERS

The future of our organization depends entirely on the loyal activity of its membership. It needs the active and enthusiastic support of all its members at this time. It is being weighed in the balance. With the weight of a united active membership on the right side of that balance nothing can tip it the wrong way. Without that weight you can rest assured it will be tipped the wrong way. The destiny of the organization is up to you.

ALBERTA GOVERNMENT PROTESTS

The Alberta Government has protested strongly to the Dominion and British Columbia Governments against the action of the Harbor Commission of Vancouver in advancing the tonnage rates from one cent to ten cents on all shipping coming into the port.

DEMAND BANKING INQUIRY BE RE-OPENED

The following resolution will be brought before the Annual Convention by the Big Valley or Munson U. F. A. District Association:

"Whereas, during the recent session of the Federal Parliament an inquiry was held regarding Banking and Credit, and

"Whereas, the Bank Act was renewed for another ten years in spite of the mass of evidence that was collected during the inquiry, and

"Whereas, since the act was renewed several of the large Canadian banks have failed, be it resolved

"That the U. F. A. strongly condemns the present Government for their precipitate action in renewing the Bank Act, without any opportunity of digesting the evidence submitted to the committee, and request that at the next session of Parliament this inquiry into the banking and credit system be re-opened."

The Convention decided also that all Locals in the Association should be requested to put on a membership drive immediately; to request the Government to make larger grants to schools, and to endorse the action of the Pool trustees in enforcing the clause regarding breach of contract.

E. J. Garland, M.P., and G. A. Forster, M.L.A., gave addresses on the activities of the Federal and Provincial Legislatures, and the Wheat Pool was discussed by Col. C. W. Robinson.

PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

The Motor Vehicle Act

The administration of the Motor Vehicle Act is under the direction of the Hon. Herbert Greenfield, Provincial Secretary of the Province of Alberta. The registration fees are as follows:

FEE FOR REGISTRATION

$5.00 in the case of a Motor Cycle, and for any other motor vehicle according to the length of the wheel-base in inches as follows:

LENGTH OF WHEEL-BASE IN INCHES

For motor vehicles not exceeding 100 inches	$15.00
Exceeding 100 ins. but not exceeding 105 ins.	$17.50
Exceeding 105 ins. but not exceeding 110 ins.	$20.00
Exceeding 110 ins. but not exceeding 115 ins.	$22.50
Exceeding 115 ins. but not exceeding 120 ins.	$25.00
Exceeding 120 ins. but not exceeding 125 ins.	$27.50
Exceeding 125 ins. but not exceeding 130 ins.	$30.00
Exceeding 130 ins. but not exceeding 135 ins.	$32.50
For every motor vehicle exceeding 135 inches	$35.00

(The above fees include cost of one set of number plates)

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EXECUTIVE RECEIVES RESIGNATION

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the Annual Convention to be held in Edmonton, for January 15th to 18th inclusive. The offer of Messrs. Geo. Bevington and A. R. Brown to make arrangements in Edmonton for the Convention was accepted with the thanks of the Executive.

The application of express companies for increase of rates was considered, and it was decided that Mr. Scholefield should represent the Association at the Calgary sitting of the Railway Commission, and Mr. Bevington at Edmonton.

The date of the Executive meeting and that of the Wheat Pool convention conflicted with the date of the Canadian Council of Agriculture meeting, and for that reason the U.F.A. could not be represented at the Council meeting.

Mr. E. D. Battrum was appointed auditor for 1921. Mr. Battrum has been acting for the organization for some time in conducting an interim audit, which he had completed to the end of September last, and he was given authority to complete the audit to the end of the financial year.

Claims were filed on the Home Bank for the amount which the U.F.A. had on deposit there, and arrangements were made for the further extension of a loan secured from the west end branch of the Royal Bank, Calgary.

It was decided not to fill the Secretary's position at the present time. Miss Bateman, who has been employed in the Central Office for the past eight years will be left in charge of the work for the time being, under the general direction of the President and Vice-President. The Vice-President, Mr. Scholefield, was authorized to sign checks in place of the Secretary, on the resignation of the latter taking effect.

"TIME TO FIGHT", SAYS MR. GOTHARD

To the Editor, U. F. A.

Dear Sir:

I am somewhat struck and somewhat surprised at the adverse and unjust propaganda and criticism of the U. F. A. and U. F. A. Government appearing in some of our local papers of late. Apparently our membership in the above organization has decreased somewhat. And one of our papers blazes forth with an editorial blaming the U. F. A. Government for the decrease, stating that the farmers were losing confidence in the U. F. A. Government and for that reason were ceasing to be members. To my mind, this statement is ridiculous, as I am sorry to say the bulk of the rank and file of the U. F. A., after placing the present Government in power, forgot they were there. I do not propose to discuss the U. F. A. Government for the moment. Suffice it to say that to my mind no other Government in power under the same conditions would have done so well as the present one.

But, what I would like to do, is to say something that would inspire and put some enthusiasm into our present members, past members and non-members. We are being criticised for loss of membership. Are we going to let this pass and have no effect on each one of us personally? This statement is correct, we cannot deny it. If this is so, there is all the more need for each of us to be up and doing. Have our aspirations ceased to exist? Have we no desire for anything better than we have today? Are we content to be mere tools for others to manipulate for their own benefit, and then leave us on the dunghill? No! a thousand times no! Then what is to be done? Fight. This word does not look nice, it does not sound nice, it means some one is going to get hurt. This may be true, but the time has come when we as farmers have got to fight; if we lay down and take the count without a most vigorous effort, then the more shame to us. How can we fight? There is only one way we can put up a successful fight, and that is by being united. Unity is strength, by unity small things are made great, by division great things are made small.

I have often read of individuals leading a double life, but believe me, sir, I think there is no class of people taken as a whole, who are such cracked hands at this as the farmer (pardon the accusation). I know some farmers who can work on their farms from spring till frost-up, from five or six o'clock in the morning till eight and nine o'clock at night, day after day—strong as horses, all brawn and muscle, you cannot kill them. Ask them to come to a U. F. A. meeting, attend a convention, political or otherwise. They have no time, they are too tired, they are no good if they do come—("You can manage well without me.")—men on their farms, but in many other matters children, just children. We have got to get away from this "no time", "too tired" business if we are to succeed as an organization. If we don't succeed and keep our U. F. A. in a good healthy condition, then it will be a sorry day for us all. Then my advice to all is, let us display the same interest in our organization as we do in our farming, and we are bound to succeed.

Yours in the fight,

H. W. GOTHARD,

Ardenode.

The U.F.W.A. and Junior Branch

A resolution from the Namaka Local of the U. F. W. A. asks that a widow shall not be required to pay inheritance tax on an estate bequeathed to her by her husband unless the estate exceeds thirty thousand dollars in size. The resolution points out that a widower is not required to pay inheritance tax on an estate established by the joint labors of husband and wife and therefore the widow should not be thus penalized. Namaka U.F.W.A. was unable to have the resolution endorsed by the District Association, since the district decided not to have a convention this fall. Therefore, they sent the resolution to the Gleichen U.F.W.A. for discussion and endorsation or otherwise. The resolution was unanimously endorsed by the Gleichen Local.

The following resolutions have been sent to Central Office for consideration by the Annual Convention from Magrath U.F.W.A.:

Uniform Dress For School Girls

"Resolved that there be a uniform dress in the High Schools of Alberta. That the color be navy blue, with a choice of white middies; also that silk hose and all face make-ups as well as low necked dresses be barred."

Shortened School Term

Resolved that the school term be shortened one month, arrangements to be made for all school work and final examinations to be completed by June [illegible] of each year.

Scripture Reading in Schools

Resolved that a portion of [illegible] Bible [illegible] as suitable [illegible] in our schools [illegible] no comment on the same to be made.

Doctors' Fees

Resolved that [illegible] doctors [illegible] not exceed [illegible] [illegible] to have a [illegible] that to [illegible] for same be allowed.

REPRESENTATION AT THE ANNUAL CONVENTION

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[illegible] delegates [illegible] to raise [illegible] funds for the purpose [illegible] delegate [illegible] completed in your organization.

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Secretary United Farm Women of Alberta.

GOVERNMENT A[illegible] IN HOME BANK FIGHT

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[illegible] meeting of [illegible] depositors of the Home Bank [illegible] will be held in Toronto on [illegible]. The Alberta Government has [illegible] late Deputy Attorney General of the Province, who is now in Ontario to keep the Government advised on the situation and render what further assistance to the depositors he could.

PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

The Amusement Tax Act

Every person attending an exhibition, performance or entertainment at a place of amusement to which an entrance or admission fee is charged shall on each admission thereto pay an amusement tax at the following rates:

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2. When the price of admission is more than ten cents and not more than thirty cents, a two and a half cent tax.

3. When the price of admission is more than thirty cents but not more than fifty cents, a tax of five cents.

4. When the price of admission is more than fifty cents, but not more than seventy-five cents, a tax of seven and one half cents.

5. When the price of admission is more than seventy-five cents but not more than one dollar, a tax of ten cents.

6. When the price of admission is more than one dollar but not more than one dollar and fifty cents, a tax of fifteen cents.

7. When the price of admission is more than one dollar and fifty cents, but not more than two dollars, a tax of twenty cents.

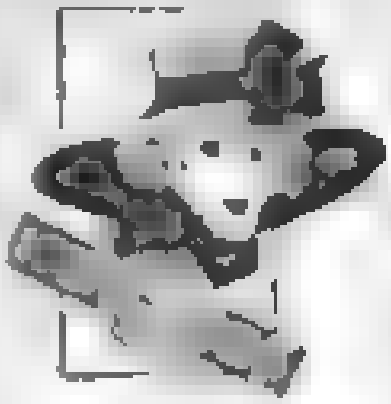
8. When the price of admission is more than two dollars, a tax of twenty-five cents.

9. A tax of twenty-five cents shall be paid by every person attending a boxing bout or contest, or a wrestling match.

10. Where admission is given by pass or complimentary ticket, a tax shall be payable at the highest rate charged for the performance to which admission is granted.

E. TROWBRIDGE

Deputy Provincial Secretary



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values of the bank notes in circulation. Dominion bonds ran into the billions, and these were backed, not by gold, but by the resources of Canada. A Dominion bond represented Social Credit and was better than gold, inasmuch as it could buy gold. He stated that we had legislated away the right to use our own credit, and when we needed the use of that credit we had to pay chartered banks for the privilege.

A hearty vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Hevington for the manner in which he dealt with these questions.

Officers Elected

On the following day the election of officers took place, which resulted in the unanimous return of Mrs. Barritt as President, no other name being proposed. Mr. Wallace of Red Deer was elected 1st vice-and Mr. Ira Taylor of Big Valley as 2nd vice-president. The former officers, Mr. T. F. Parcels of Penhold, and Mr. A. C. Johnston of Olive, refusing to stand. The new directors are Mr. Patterson for Red Deer and Mr. Wilson for Federal. Mr. R. A. Van Slyke remains Secretary.

Among the resolutions endorsed by the Convention was one expressing the utmost confidence in Mr. R. G. German, the U.F.A. director for the Federal constituency.

The text of other important resolutions reads as follows:

Wheat Pool Association

Whereas we believe in the principle of co-operative marketing as adopted by the Alberta Wheat Producers Ltd., and,

Whereas because of the unfriendly attitude of interests opposed to the Pool it has become evident that local supervision, and strict vigilance will be necessary if these principles are to be effectively conserved.

Therefore be it resolved that a Local Wheat Pool Association be organized at each shipping point to be composed of all wheat pool members who desire its protection, such Association to be with or without a membership fee at the discretion of each individual local, and to function with the following purposes:

1. To propagate the principles of co-operative marketing by obtaining and circulating information pertaining thereto.

2. To protect its members against unfair treatment by elevators or transportation companies.

3. To give its members, through each local association, more articulate expression to their wishes in connection with the Pool than the members at present enjoy.

4. To facilitate in every way the marketing of our Wheat through the Pool, to the end that it may reach the pinnacle of success at which we are aiming.

And further, that we take steps at the next annual meeting of the Wheat Producers to organize locals at all shipping points.

Policy of Red Deer Federal Association

Whereas the serious agricultural depression in Western Canada has alarmingly affected the prosperity of the agriculturist, and with him that of all other classes.

Therefore, we the elected delegates of the Red Deer Federal Constituency approve most heartily of the efforts put forth by our representatives in the House of Commons to lighten the burdens upon agriculture generally, and in particular to secure by a system of rural credit and a more equitable fiscal policy, some relief from the crushing burden of indebtedness, brought about by the deflation in the values of farm produce; and we strongly urge our member to give his most earnest thought and support to all such reforms as tend to restore the prosperity of agriculture, and hence the prosperity of the nation.

GARLAND TO ADDRESS MEETINGS

E. J. Garland, M.P. for Bow River, will hold a series of meetings in the constituency under the auspices of the Bow River U. F. A. Federal Constituency Association. The executive of the association desire that all District Associations which wish Mr. Garland to address them should notify the secretary, H. W. Leonard, of Tudor, at once, in order that the arrangements may be made at the earliest possible date.

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Every applicant for a Private Bill shall deposit with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly ten days prior to the opening day of Session two copies of proposed Bill, Petitions in duplicate, accepted cheque made payable to the Provincial Treasurer for the sum of two hundred dollars if proposed Bill does not exceed ten pages, and statutory Declaration of advertising in Alberta Gazette and Newspaper.

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Gives Examples of Misrepresentation in the Daily Press

Alex. Ross Discusses Policies of U. F. A. Government

"Since the U.F.A. assumed the reins of office and I have been a member of the Government, I have had an exceptional opportunity of watching the machinations of the daily press from behind the scenes, and I have found that there is no statement issued by the Government at Edmonton that is not misrepresented," declared Hon. Alex. Ross, Minister of Public Works and of Labor, in an address in Calgary during the present week.

Mr. Ross cited as an example of the kind of campaign that is being carried on in the press, the persistent propaganda of the Calgary Herald for the purpose of creating the impression that it was his policy to have as few laborers as possible brought into the Province at harvest time.

"Flooded With Harvest Labor"

"That campaign was kept up for some considerable time," said the speaker, "and when harvesting operations commenced and some 200 or 400 men who were in Calgary were unable to find immediate work owing to the inclement weather, the Calgary Herald sent out a despatch to Eastern Canada that the Province of Alberta was flooded with harvest labor. Because of that despatch we found it extremely difficult to persuade farm laborers to come West, and as a result there were at least 1,000 to 1,500 fewer laborers during the harvest period."

Discussing the Wheat Board, Mr. Ross said that the Government had made a serious effort to secure its re-establishment, and no discredit attached to the Government for its failure, which was due to the fact that the interests opposed to it were stronger than those which favored the Board. In connection with the Wheat Pool which had subsequently been organized, not by the Government, but by the U.F.A. members, the Government had given all possible assistance. The guarantee of $250,000 which had been given to protect the margin on Pool advances apparently did not meet with the approval of the press, because the newspaper editors had not been consulted.

Gave Guarantee of $2,000,000

"I was surprised the other day on looking through some ancient sessions-in-council," said Mr. Ross, "to find that our predecessors had guaranteed some $2,000,000 to the Imperial Bank to assist the city of Edmonton because one of its refunding issues had fallen down. I do not think therefore, that we have any reason to be ashamed of coming to the assistance of an organized body of farmers for the purpose of trying to get a better price for their products."

The Minister pointed out that the Government had been assailed from all quarters in the press, when the Drought Relief Act was introduced, on the ground that they were interfering, for the benefit of the farmers, in such a way as to "interfere with first mortgages and thus limit the securing of capital."

New Roads Problem

Discussing the roads problem, Mr. Ross said that there were 32,000 miles of travelled roads in the Province, and that it had not been possible to do what should be done, because this would have involved increased taxes at a time when the farmers in particular were passing through serious depression. Now there was some improvement, and prospects of an active program being carried out next year. He indicated the very marked change in roads policy which had been introduced by the U.F.A. Government. Previously a certain sum was voted by the Legislature, and its expenditure was left to the Government, the member with the greatest "pull" getting most of the road work in his constituency. In Sturgeon, which was represented by J. R. Boyle, there had been an expenditure of $80,000 in the few months prior to the last election, as compared with $2,000 in Okotoks, which was greatly in need of road work, but whose member had no "pull" with the Government. The policy of the Liberal Government had been reversed, and expenditure was now based in the main on population, and no matter whether a constituency was represented by a U.F.A. member, an Independent, a Liberal or a Conservative, the expenditure would be the same.

When the U.F.A. Government came into power, the speaker stated, they found the cost of administration exceedingly heavy. They had attempted to reorganize the civil service, and this cost had in fact been reduced by a quarter of a million dollars, exclusive of the railways and telephones. In the telephone department the reduction had been about 25 per cent. With the exact figures for the railway department the speaker was not familiar.

OPPOSE INCREASE IN EXPRESS RATES

Vigorous opposition to the application of the Express Traffic Association for an increase in express rates, was offered at a sitting of the Railway Commission in Edmonton on Nov. 28th, when Frank Ford, K.C., appeared for the the Alberta Government, and John W. Ward, Secretary of the Canadian Council of Agriculture, presented the case for a reduction in rates, as called for by the Council.

The Dominion Express Company based its case on an alleged deficit of $627,549 incurred in 1922, and the express companies submitted three alternative proposals for meeting this deficit, (a) a horizontal increase of five per cent. on all traffic, calculated to produce an additional $661,430 in annual revenue, (b) no change in first class rate, but the placing of second class on 80 per cent. of first class, and increase in commodity rates, except on cream, of 25 per cent., total $643,937, (c) that first class rates per hundred pounds be a multiple of two and one-half times the standard freight rates averaged in 50-mile groups, preserving existing minimum rates, second class rates to be 80 per cent. of first class, and commodities other than cream increased 10 per cent., yield $666,156.

A Part of C.P.R. System

In examining E. E. Lloyd of the C.P.R., Mr. Ward asked if the earnings of the Dominion Express as a part of the C.P.R. system could not be used to swell the C.P.R. treasury, and Mr. Lloyd admitted that eventually the C.P.R. would get any balance. He also admitted that after paying a dividend of 10 per cent. on common stock the C. P. R. in 1922 had a surplus of $3,000,000. The surplus on operation after paying a 7 per cent. dividend was $1,825,000.

Mr. Lloyd also informed Mr. Ward that under the proposed advance in class two an increase of approximately 15 per cent. would take place on the shipping cost of the natural products of the farm, such as dressed poultry, pork, etc., while there would be an increase of 32 per cent. on B.C. and Ontario fruit. The increase, Mr. Ward contended, would discourage production and thus raise prices to the consumer, and added, "I think cost accountants might prove that every department of the C.P.R. is losing money, while as a whole the corporation is paying dividends."

The chairman complimented Mr. Ward on his handling of the case. Rice Sheppard appeared on behalf of Delmont U.F.A. Local.

The annual financial statement of the Western Canada Flour Mills Company shows that the profits are only $10,000 less than last year, in spite of "very keen competition both in the domestic and export markets." Profits are shown, after making provision for reserve, of $202,143, as compared with $218,126 in 1922 and $125,370 for 1921.

Classified Advertising Section

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